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RUDD QUOTED BY DIGEST

When wired for his reaction to the report on religious doctrine recently published by the Church of England, President Rudd left the Literary Digest editors no room for misinterpretation of his personal attitude or that of the University towards that report. The commissioners of the Anglican Church may be able to reconcile the Biblical account of creation with evolutionary theories, but this institution refuses to compromise.

Wired President Rudd: "Any theory claiming that something evolved from nothing does not agree with Genesis 1:1 . . . 'In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.'

"Anyone stating that the living evolved from the non-living disagrees with Acts 17:25 . . . 'He giveth to all life, and breath, and all things.'

"Any church commissioners claiming to spring from monkeys, apes . . . deny Genesis 1:27: 'So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him.'

"To claim that man is evolving heavenward denies that all men were cursed in Adam and are in need of Christ, the crucified, buried, and risen Saviour."

Of interest to our readers will be the comments of President Rudd when interviewed with reference to the recent death of Clarence Darrow. "I hope," he remarked earnestly, "Mr. Darrow had a vital faith in a living Christ. An unbeliever's death is a tragedy to be regretted by all."

G. ALLEN FLEECE ILL

Due to the illness of Brother G. Allen Fleece, who has contributed to these columns each month and was to do so for this issue, no article will appear. Brother Fleece writes that he is recovering his health in Florida. He will contribute another of his spiritual treats next month.



**WILLIAM
JENNINGS
BRYAN**
Said—

The man of faith, believing that every word spoken for truth will have its influence and that no blow struck for righteousness is struck in vain, fights on without asking whether he is to fall in the beginning of the battle or live to join in the shouts of triumph. He knows not whether he is to live for the truth or to die for it, and if he has the faith he ought to have, he is as ready to die for it as to live for it.

WONDERFUL WORD PROGRAM

At the close of the fourth Wonderful Word radio program, supposedly the last, Mr. Ryther, the director of this work, was informed that these programs might be continued for four more weeks. Thanking the Lord for this continued testimony, plans were made for again sending out the Gospel message in music.

The last of this series of programs was given on Thursday, March 31, when three groups combined to provide the musical numbers. Those singing were the male quartet, the ladies' sextet, and a newly formed group, the male trio—Rhody Ford, Edward Paul, and Ty Pray. These groups and the mixed quartet have had a very profitable ministry, that of proclaiming the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ in song and word of testimony.

A GOSPEL-SPREADING UNIVERSITY

"What manner of school is this?" might question the average educator of today when confronted with the figures given below. Impossible as it is to keep an accurate account of the number of tracts published by others and given out at street meetings, through personal correspondence, through business correspondence, it still is possible to approximate the tracts printed and distributed by the University during the past year. Twenty-two thousand copies of the University-printed tracts were disposed of in giving out the Gospel. Besides this number of tracts, over 25,000 Sunday School lesson sheets carried a message of the Lord to hundreds of readers and students. Add to these two gratifying figures the more than 25,000 copies of NEWSLETTE, each of which contained considerable Gospel, and you can well see that it is not merely "another college." Praise the Lord for the opportunity which we have daily of testifying to His saving Grace.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

Saturday, March 19: The Birthday anniversary of William Jennings Bryan was remembered with prayer and thanksgiving in the University chapel. A short financial report was given by President Rudd followed by an address, "Faith." This address, originally given by Mr. Bryan, was read by Mr. Ryther. The service was dismissed by a season of prayer concerning the work of the University.

"We need to spend less time in studying the ages of the rocks and more time in studying the Rock of Ages"—Bryan

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ATHENS TRIP

With spring dressed up in all her greenery, the group going to Athens, Ga., April 3, had an unusually enjoyable trip. On the way down the party of twelve people stopped at the Atlanta Bible Institute to hold the morning service there. In the afternoon they drove to Athens, where they attended a fellowship meeting at the First Methodist Church prior to the Epworth League. In the evening the service held at the church included singing by the musical groups, personal testimonies, and a Gospel message by Ralph Toliver, an alumnus of the University.

The following morning the group had charge of chapel at Athens High School. While in Athens the group visited the campus of the University of Georgia, the Alma Mater of Dean D. W. Ryther.

A large number of tracts were distributed at the different services.

On the way home the group stopped at Stone Mountain and other points of interest. Those making the trip were the University Sextet, Misses Constance Penick, Mabel Arnold, Ruth Toliver, Elizabeth Moore, Margaret Lowe, and Rebecca Peck; the University mixed quartet, Misses Mabel Arnold (also in the Sextet) Lillian Hummel, Messrs. Ty Pray and Edward Paul; Mrs. Lloyd Fish, accompanist; Mr. Ralph Toliver, speaker; and Dean Ryther, director.

THE GYMNASIUM

For the past seven and a half years the authorities of the University have felt the very great need of some means of giving to the young men and women in the University a well-directed, organized program of physical culture. That trainees for Christian service in foreign and home fields need strong, healthy, vigorous bodies is hardly a debatable question. Nor is it any more debatable that those in the pulpit, in the Sunday School class, in the office—the representatives of Christ, wherever they may be—all need physical preparation for the battle against the forces of Satan. Such preparation we believe to be entirely scriptural.

But it is difficult to offer any type of organized training with the thermometer standing at freezing and the wind whipping through the trees. It is difficult likewise to find time for a sufficient number of hikes to fill the need of healthy bodies, or to furnish group recreation in almost any form without equipment.

We need a gymnasium and believe somewhere the Lord has one who will meet this need. Such a gift would make possible individual exercise and a basketball squad for the University, which, let us say most emphatically, is utterly and unchangeably opposed to subsidized athletics and to placing athletics before spiritual and academic needs. But we do know that well-controlled athletic programs can, within His will, do much to build up school spirit, keep study-tired young men and women fit for further study, give relief and recreation to all, and result in a stronger, more permanent fellowship within the institution.

Five to six thousand dollars will fill this need and give to the school that which will most assuredly prove a blessing throughout the years to come. Let us develop Christian leaders: first, spiritually; then, mentally. But let us not forget that strong, healthy leaders are needed if they are to weather the storm. Pray for this need. Ask the Lord to lead someone of His children to fill it.

THE CRIMINAL'S SONG

A Bryan Teacher's Experience

Roy S had been sentenced to the electric chair. During his imprisonment a personal worker continued to show him the plan of salvation until Roy believed that the Lord Jesus Christ had died for him. Immediately Roy became a new creature in Christ Jesus. Not only did his conduct improve, but he also began to witness to other prisoners.

Because of this change in his life, friends encouraged him to appeal for pardon. Roy, wanting to continue his testimony, either through pardon or life imprisonment, was, nevertheless, desirous that the Lord's will be done.

On the night the news came that Roy's appeal had been refused, I had been asked to sing at the weekly service. In spite of the fact that I had prepared other songs, "No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus" seemed to have just the right message for that particular group of prisoners.

Two weeks later, as I was glancing through a Philadelphia newspaper, a brief notice of Roy's electrocution attracted me. The account of his death was news because he had gone to the electric chair singing with perfect calmness. The name of the criminal's song was given, and my heart rejoiced that he had found his fine testimony in "No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus."

Roy's Song

I would love to tell you what I think
of Jesus

Since I found in Him a friend so
strong and true:

I would tell you how He changed my
life completely,

He did something that no other
friend could do.

All my life was full of sin when Jesus
found me,

All my heart was full of misery
and woe;

Jesus placed His strong and loving
arms about me,

And He led me in the way I ought
to go.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

Chas. H. Currens, Professor of Bible



The statement of belief as held by officers and teachers of Bryan University appeared in eight distinct sections in the last issue of *NEWSETTE*. The effort of this brief comment is to emphasize what we believe concerning the first section, Inspiration of the Bible.

1. We believe the Bible is inspired of God because it claims to be the very word of God. There is only one book in all the world that declares, "Thus saith the Lord God of Hosts"; "Hear ye the word of the Lord"; "The word of the Lord came unto me."

2. We believe the Bible is inspired of God because of its appeal to all peoples of every age in every land. No book has commanded such world-wide attention, and this because of its universal appeal to the troubled souls of sinful men. Up to A. D. 1800, from four to six million copies of the Scriptures, in about thirty languages, had been issued. In A. D. 1880 more than 165,000,000 copies had been distributed by eighty Bible Societies, and many millions more by private publishers. Each succeeding year more Bibles and portions of the Word of God have been distributed, reaching into regions where the Bible had never before entered.

There are now translated into at least 650 languages portions of this God-breathed Book.

The Bible presents a challenge to every lost sinner, promising life everlasting to all who believe its message

(John 20:30-31). It tells of a Saviour who receives all who come to Him (John 6:37). It promises rest to all who "labor and are heavy laden" (Mt. 11:28-29). No other book is the source of such promises.

General Schmidt, one of the generals of Frederick the Great, declared to his inquisitive superior, "I always revert to the Bible because it reveals to me a Father who numbers the very hairs of my head, because it reveals to me a Saviour who by His blood expiates every one of my sins, and because it shows unto me a heaven where I am to spend an everlasting and blessed existence." No other book does this.

3. We believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God because it unerringly foretells things. No other book does this. Other books carry facts of history, but they cannot tell with infallible and minute accuracy what lies ahead, but the Bible does this very thing. "Prophecy came not in old time by the will of man" (II. Peter 1:21).

4. We believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God because the presence of One person pervades its every part.

Separate it into ten thousand bits; yet every segment bears evidence to the great facts of God's love for sinful men and His hatred of sin. The person whose image is seen on every page is "the seed of the woman," "the Lion of the tribe of Judah," "the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world"—My Saviour.

FIRST CHAPEL

Mr. Rudd had charge of the first chapel service of the new quarter. "We are greatly blessed already by our Birthday letter appeal," was his introduction to the Psalm of praise which he read. The male trio, Forrest Ford, Ty Pray, and Edward Paul, made its debut at this chapel service. A report on the "birthday party" will be published in the May issue of *NEWSETTE*.

DR. R. A. FORREST VISITS

An unexpected but welcome visitor very recently arrived on our campus when Dr. R. A. Forrest, President of the Toccoa Falls (Georgia) Institute dropped into the dean's office to get acquainted with Bryan. Dr. Forrest, after looking over the campus, examining with especial interest and pleasure the chicken "plant," left with the promise to bring a message to the students when the opportunity offers itself.

BOOKLETS DISTRIBUTED

"The Sweetness of Fundamentalism," a message given at the Ohio Fundamentals Association Conference at Columbus, Ohio, by the Rev. William E. Troup, has been published in a very attractive booklet and is being distributed by the author and publishers. President Rudd has obtained quite a number of copies and is having one sent to each person who ordinarily receives the Sunday School Lesson sheets and prayer letters from the University. Others who would like to have a copy of this illuminating and inspiring message can obtain one by writing to the University.

What the Christian program needs in America right now is about fifty outstanding, consecrated, God-called, Spirit-filled evangelists.

—Dr. Bob Jones.

MOONLIGHT STROLL

Mr. and Mrs. McMurry and Mrs. Coutts escorted a group of students to a spot along Richland Creek on Saturday evening. Bill Paul, Ralph and Landis Penick, Clarence Breese, and Clarence Blackburn sang, as entertainment, while the other roasted marshmallows. Louise Post, Eileen Garwood, Frances Gordon, Margaret Lowe, Joyce Hirschy, Charles Shirley, Harold Fuss, Julius Reeves, and Edward Paul were further entertained by stories from the chaperons.

MALE QUARTET SINGS

The Male Quartet has been quite active recently, singing at the local Presbyterian Church, at the town-wide meeting in the High School Auditorium, on the University program over station WAPO, Chattanooga, and at the local Methodist churches.

PRESIDENT RUDD ON ROAD

President and Mrs. Rudd left Dayton the last of March for a trip to Kentucky, Ohio, and Pennsylvania, first attending the Regional Meeting of the Ohio Independent Fundamental Churches of America at Huntington, W. Va. They will not return to Dayton until the middle of April.

BETWEEN QUARTERS

Hikes

On March 19, Clarence Blackburn, Ralph Penick, and Bill Paul hiked to Laurel Falls to the tune of falling rain. They tried again on Monday, taking Landis Penick and Dan Hirschy, going to Buzzard's Point; this time they were sunburned.

Another group marched to Laurel Falls on Monday morning. While Jimmy Darrell and Alvin Hall prepared the lunch, Joe Schellhorn went for a swim in the cool waters of the mountain stream. Rhody Ford and Julius Reeves found other things to do.

Visits

Paul Perkins and Raymond Dauser accompanied Derward Maynard to his home in Warfield, Ky., for a week-end visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Fish spent the week-end with Mrs. Fish's mother in Chattanooga.

Elizabeth Moore visited relatives in Cleveland, Tenn.

EASTER PROGRAM

By special invitation, the University musical organizations will present a program of music, including some Easter songs, on Easter night at the Southern Methodist Church, Dayton.

The ladies' sextet, mixed quartet, male quartet, male trio, and the choral class directed by Miss Yancey and Mr. Ryther, with Mrs. Fish also acting as accompanist, will participate in this program.

FACULTY SPEAKER

Mrs. Mildred Church Paul brought a message in chapel on prophecy, taking her message from Zech. 14, "And his feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives." She spoke of the many wonderful fulfillments of prophecy concerning Jerusalem, Palestine, and the Jews, which are taking place before our very eyes.

CORRECTION

Last month we carried an item about the acquisition of an X-ray machine. In that article we said that the machine had been donated to the school by Dr. A. M. Morgan. This was only part of the truth. This valuable piece of equipment was given to the University by Dr. A. M. Morgan and Dr. G. V. Taylor, both prominent Dayton men.

Prominent Men are Guest Speakers

Rev. Frey

Accompanied by Rev. Ralph Toliver, a graduate of the University, Rev. Emerson Frey was guest speaker at the University. Rev. Frey is a volunteer for missionary service in China and, while waiting to go to the field, has been working with the Child Evangelism Fellowship under Rev. J. Irvin Overholtzer. He has also been working in this community recently with Rev. Toliver.

Brother Frey's message was based on Mark 10:13-22, "Suffer the little children to come unto me." He explained how the work among children is carried on by three methods: home Bible study classes, open-air meetings, and work in the rural communities and homes.

Dr. Willis Hotchkiss

Dr. Willis Hotchkiss, missionary from the Kenya Colony, Africa, who has been a missionary for over forty years and, the Lord willing, will return to the field in the near future, was a recent chapel speaker.

The scripture for his message was taken from John 10:15-16: "Other sheep I have which are not in this fold, them also I must bring." From this portion the call to missionary service is very emphatic, for Jesus said that the other sheep must be brought.

In telling of his missionary work, Dr. Hotchkiss recounted the miserable conditions of one of the tribes which he found nearly starved to death, although surrounded by an abundance of rich soil for providing food. The reason for this was their superstitious fear of displeasing the spirits of their ancestors; but through the power of the Gospel, followed by years of patient teaching, the people have been

freed from their bondage and are improving their living conditions, no longer desiring to live in their previous sordid manner.

Rev. Joseph S. Flacks

Rev. Joseph S. Flacks, of Minneapolis, Minn., was a recent speaker at chapel, accompanied by Mr. Roy Austin and Mr. John Seaton.

In relating some of his experiences in dealing with the Jews, he told how several Jews and Arabs in Jerusalem accepted the Lord Jesus Christ through a discourse on the correct Hebrew translation of the first Psalm, which is: "Well it is with the man who never walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seat of the scornful." The only one who could answer to this description was the only begotten Son of God.

The inspired Word is perfect in its original writing, and one well taught in it, the Hebrew, can bring many precious truths from the depths of God's Word, as Rev. Flacks proved to the student body in this interesting chapel service.

Rev. Irvin Overholtzer

An interesting chapel speaker last month was Rev. J. Irvin Overholtzer, director of Child Evangelism Fellowship, with headquarters in Chicago.

As a basis for child evangelism, Rev. Overholtzer used Matt. 18:1-14, explaining that it is easy to work with children, because their hearts are not hardened to the Gospel message. There are many evidences of the fruit of this work through Bible study classes in the homes of the saved children.

MINISTERIAL STUDENTS SPEAK

Ministerial chapel programs have been conducted recently by Louise Post, Ty Pray, and Julius Reeves. Louise's subject was the book of Nehemiah. Student testimonies of the grace of God were a feature of this program. Ty gave a short review of the book of Esther. The book of Job was the study of Julius's chapel program, at which Alvin Hall sang "The Evening Prayer."

COMMONER NEWS

Progress on the 1937-38 COMMONER is being made. The staff is bristling with ideas, and secrecy reigns concerning the new and surprising features to be embodied in this year's publication. Several trips have been made to Chattanooga in connection with its progress.

Anyone desiring a copy of this book should communicate with Jesse Lasley, Circulation Manager. The price this year will be one dollar and a half.